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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Roger L Pang

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-4, 6-8 and 10-30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11-13-03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The following action is in response to communications filed for application 10/712,683 on April 18, 2005.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 2-4, 6-8, and 10-30 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected subcombinations, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on April 18, 2005.

Applicant argues that the groupings should comprise of:

Group 1: claims 1, 5, 9

Group 2: claims 2-4, 6-8

Group 3: claims 10-13

Group 4: claims 14, 17-19

Group 5: claims 15-16

Group 6: claim 17

Group 7: claims 20, 22-27, 29

Group 8: claims 21, 28, and 30

Although some of the groups deal with control of the same part (i.e. second friction element), the controls are at different times, and controlled differently. Therefor, the searches are not necessarily the same (especially with regard to specific pressure or time features).

Therefore, applicant's arguments have been considered, but are not persuasive.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rosi. With regard to claims 1 and 9, Rosi teaches a speed-based control system for a swap-shift transmission (Col. 3) comprising: a first gearset controller for controlling a pressure p_{kab} on a first pressure-actuated friction element for the first gearset; a second gearset controller for controlling pressure p_{kzu} on a second pressure-actuated friction element for the second gearset; the first and second gearset controllers simultaneously controlling friction element pressure for the first and second gearsets during a swap-shift wherein friction element pressure for the second gearset is increased as friction element pressure for the first gearset is decreased during progression of a swap-upshift between two overall gear ratios (Col. 3, lines 56-60); and an adaptive pressure control system configured to boost pressure in the pressure-actuated friction element for the second gearset before a start of torque transfer between the friction elements and to control pressure boost time t_{sf} to a calibrated value to avoid a gear ratio change during pressure boost for the friction element for the second gearset, the control system including a control unit to detect boost time errors (Col. 6) during a current shift and an error conversion unit for converting the errors to boost pressure time adjustments t_{adtsf} for the friction element for the second gearset during a subsequent shift.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosi as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Kozaki. Rosi teaches the system, wherein the transmission has a second speed sensor for sensing speed n_t of a power input element of the second gearset. Rosi lacks the teaching of first and third speed sensors. Kozaki teaches a speed-based control system, wherein a transmission has a first speed sensor 106 for sensing input shaft speed, a second speed sensor 117 for sensing speed of a power input element of the second gearset and a third speed sensor 107 for sensing speed of a power output element of the second gearset, the speed sensors providing speed information to the adaptive pressure control system to meet shift synchronization requirements (Cols. 20-21). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Rosi to employ the speed sensors and adaptive pressure control in view of Kozaki in order to suppress as hock upon a gearshift (Col. 1).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Takagi and Ishii have been cited to show boost time error adaptation.

Sato, Sakai, Iizuka, Yuasa, and Horiguchi have been cited to show similar transmission controls.

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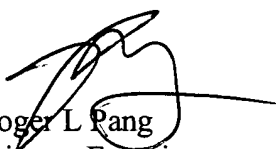
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roger L Pang whose telephone number is 571-272-7096. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30am to 4:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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